

REMARKS

Claims 4-7, 10, 14-16, 19 and 26-29 are original claims.

Claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-13, 17-18, 20-25, 30-33 and 37 have been amended.

Claims 34-36 have been canceled and the cancellation is without prejudice or waiver.

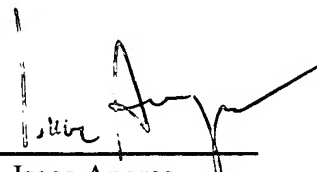
The claims are now in condition for examination.

As the Examiner will appreciate this application is a *continuation-in-part* of allowed U.S. Ser. No. 09/603,885 filed June 26, 2000. As the Examiner is familiar with the subject matter, She will appreciate that the currently amended claims are additional species embodiments of the allowed claims wherein the reporter fragments are derived from a fluorescent protein.

It is believed that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 703-418-2777, if she feels that further discussion may facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues.

An early indication of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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